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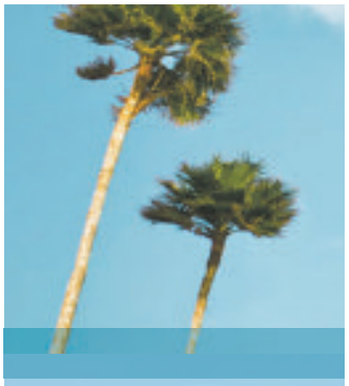

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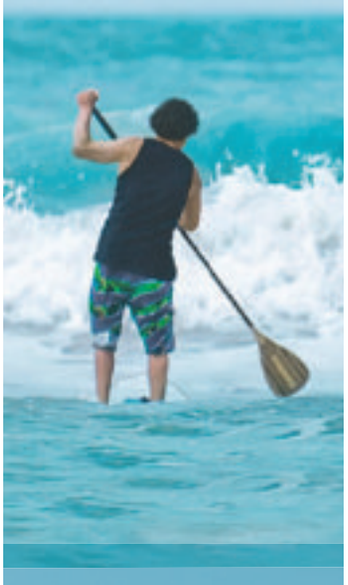

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15 Most toxic places in New York City

The city is plagued by serious environmental concerns ◗ Some areas tested high for radiation levels ◗ One site is connected with the Manhattan Project

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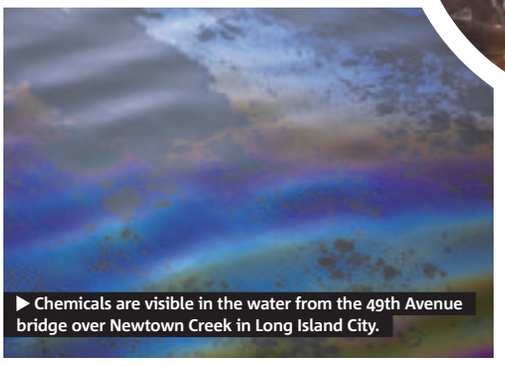
▶ Industrial buildings hem Newtown Creek in Long Island City. More than 50 oil refineries and chemical companies were once located along the banks of the creek. Many are still operating today.

▶ Greenpoint is considered one of the most polluted neighborhoods in the city. Con Edison smokestacks on 15th Street in Manhattan, loom in the distance.

Garbage clogs Newtown Creek.



▶ Chemicals are visible in the water from the 49th Avenue bridge over Newtown Creek in Long Island City.

Metro asked around to find out where some of the most toxic areas in this gritty city are — turns out they're everywhere.

Long Island City and Astoria have the largest concentration of power plants and supply the lion's share of the city's power, making for a very small area with a lot of energy-generating facilities, according to New York League of Conservation Voters Dan Hendrick. He added that Newtown Creek and the Gowanus Canal, flanked on either side by increasingly populated neighborhoods including Park Slope, Red Hook and Greenpoint, are complex hazardous waste sites of historic industrial pollution, making the communities along these canals very high-risk for pure toxicity. Both are on the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund priorities list, and concern about their status has revived since superstorm Sandy caused flooding into the surrounding areas. The EPA also keeps a Resource Conservation and Recovery list: According to Carol Stein at the EPA, if a company is still in business and able to do its own cleanup they are classified as RCRA — avoiding the bureaucracy of the Superfund program.

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▶ Newtown Creek

More than 50 fertilizer and glue factories, oil refineries, petrochemical plants and coal yards were located along the banks of Newtown Creek — and many still operate today, producing pesticides, metals, Polychlorinated biphenyls and volatile organic compounds that can evaporate into the air, according to the EPA. On top of all that, the city began dumping raw sewage into the water in 1856.

▶ Harlem

The Department of Health lists Central and Eastern Harlem as problem sites for high rates of asthma, and according to Ogonnaya Newman at We Act for Environmental Justice, 90 percent of the city's bus depots are there. The Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot in Central Harlem is a major concern as it undergoes renovation.

▶ Astoria, Queens

Triumvirate Environmental Inc. in Astoria, formerly Chemical Waste Disposal Corp., is on the RCRA list. Groundwater contamination is listed as the biggest concern at this site, and Stein explained groundwater cleanup "usually takes a lot longer" than other issues. An EPA report on the site notes, "The state considers all its groundwater to be a potential source of potable water."

▶ 1125-1139 Irving Ave., Ridgewood /Bushwick

City, state and EPA testing found residual radiation along this street. In September, the EPA announced there was no immediate threat — but long-term exposure could pose a risk. One measure suggested to reduce exposure was placing a fence around an adjacent vacant lot "to prevent trespassing onto an area where radiation is present." An EPA report notes the former Wolff-Alport Chemical Company at 1127-1129 Irving Ave. had a contract with the Manhattan Project and the Atomic Energy Commission, the creators of the atomic bomb.

▶ Summerfield St., Ridgewood/Bushwick

A lone street on the Brooklyn-Queens border of Bushwick and Ridgewood is an EPA priority, due to a "cottage" at 59-44 Summerfield St., used as a mercury thermometer factory from the 1900s to the 1950s. It has been vacated and access is restricted following mercury contamination found in the air inside and in the surrounding soil in 2011.

Honorable mentions

South Bronx. Hendrick said the South Bronx has a "tremendous soot pollution and high asthma rates" because of trucks idling on freeways.

Gowanus Canal. The EPA reports that years of discharge from local manufactured gas plants and chemical plants along the waterways have made these some of the nation's most extensively contaminated water.

Williamsburg and Greenpoint. These neighborhoods not only have Newtown Creek runoff to contend with, but also handle most of the city's garbage removal — making for terrible smells.

In the news

Subway pusher suspect fit to stand trial

QUEENS. A woman who is accused of shoving a man in front of a subway train can stand trial, according to court documents released yesterday. A judge found Erica Menendez fit to stand trial, according to the New York Post. She allegedly shoved Sunando Sen in front of a 7 train in December at a Sunnyside train station. Sen was pushed as the train roared into the station and was crushed. METRO/AB

In the news

Joe Lhota drops mayor bid clues

He's officially in the running ... kind of. Former MTA chair Joe Lhota, who stepped down from the agency in December amid rumors he was running for mayor, said yesterday he wouldn't have left his old position unless he was seeking the city's top job. He dropped the hints at a New York Building Congress meeting. Lhota was widely praised for getting the subways running after superstorm Sandy. METRO/AB

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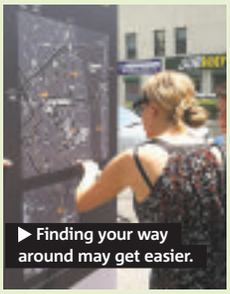
In the news

New maps help tourists find way

NEW YORK. The Department of Transportation released new maps it hopes will make walking and biking around the city easier. New signs show estimates of how long it will take to walk to nearby destinations, along with subway stations that are accessible. The DOT first requested proposals in 2011, announcing that it wanted more readable signs for pedestrians in Long Island City, Prospect Heights, Crown Heights, Chinatown and Midtown. The new maps will go up in March. METRO/AB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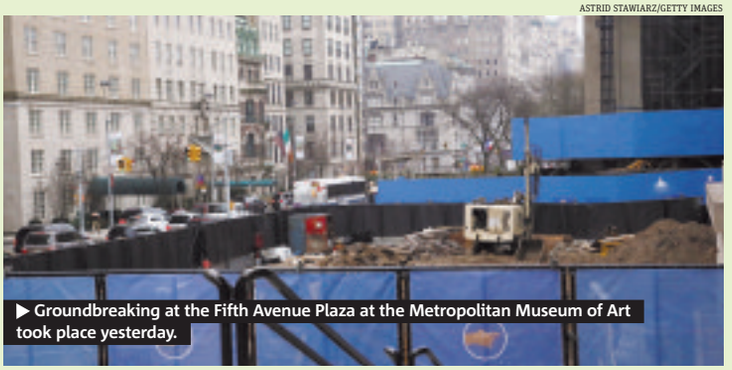
▶ Groundbreaking at the Fifth Avenue Plaza at the Metropolitan Museum of Art took place yesterday.

City and museum break ground on Met plaza

Officials from the city and the Metropolitan Museum of Art officially broke ground today for a new four-block-long pedestrian plaza and fountains outside the iconic Fifth Avenue entrance of the museum. The David H. Koch Plaza will be open to the public in fall 2014. Koch is a trustee of the museum and funded the entire $65 million project. METRO/AB

Cyclist injured in hit and run

BUSHWICK. A cyclist was severely injured yesterday after a car hit him in Bushwick. According to reports, a sedan driving south along Central Avenue hit the cyclist around George Street early yesterday morning.

The sedan reportedly fled the scene, and the man was taken to the hospital suffering from head trauma. METRO/AB

Whales appear on LI shores

LONG ISLAND. Two whales are dead after they were found on Long Island beaches. The whales appeared in separate places on an East Hampton beach, according to news reports. One of the animals, a finback whale, was already dead, according to the New York Post. The second, a pygmy sperm whale, had to be euthanized, officials said. METRO/AB

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De Blasio calls for divestment from gun companies

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio called on 12 hedge funds and investment firms to divest from gun manufacturers including Smith & Wesson, Sturm, Ruger & Co., and Olin Corporation.

The twelve companies hold a cumulative $1.65 billion in investments in gun companies, according to de Blasio.

The largest investment is $706 million by Cerberus Capital Management, and the smallest is $32.9 million by Southpoint Capital Advisors LP.

De Blasio said "legislation alone will not solve" the problem of gun violence and "the root of the problem is money," adding that these gun manufacturers fund the National Rifle Association.

The press conference was outside Tiger Global Management, listed as the ninth-largest investor in gun companies, with a total investment of $39.5 million.

A spokesperson for Tiger Global stated the firm "has no position in any gun company and has no intention of owning a gun company in the future."

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Pension funds and gun money

- According to de Blasio's office, as of December, City Comptroller John Liu reported that the five major pension funds for city employees have a total of $18 million invested in gun holdings.
- De Blasio is a trustee of the largest pension fund and has called for all of them to fully divest.
- Councilwoman Letitia James said that she and Councilman Jumaane Williams have also asked the comptroller to divest any city money from gun companies.

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▶ De Blasio

In the news

Cops on the hunt for man after Bronx shooting

Police are searching for a suspect they say shot a man in the face in a Bronx deli.

According to police, just before 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, a 21-year-old man was standing inside a deli on Bronxwood Avenue in the Bronx.

Then, a man entered the deli, showing a black gun and shooting it one time, hitting the man on the left side of the face. The suspect then fled toward East 221st Street.

The victim survived and is in serious but stable condition, cops said.

Police are looking for the man in this video, described as being in his 20s, about 5-foot-9, with a thin-to-medium build, black hooded jacket, black pants and black sneakers.

Anyone with info should call 800-577-TIPS. METRO

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▶ The L Train might soon get platform doors.

MTA reportedly considering adding platform doors on L train

Sliding doors on subway platforms — to help protect riders from falling on the tracks — might not be such a pipe dream.

New York City commuters may start hearing the "stand clear of the closing door" announcement more frequently, as the New York Post reported that the MTA is considering adding sliding doors on the platforms at L train stations.

Thomas Prendergast, the MTA's acting executive director, said the L train line would be a good place to test the sliding doors because it doesn't share track with other lines and is used by only one type of train. Adding sliding doors to the entire MTA system would cost more than $1 billion. Prendergast told the Post it is possible the MTA could receive funding from private companies.

To increase safety, the MTA is also planning an "aggressive passenger information campaign" to warn passengers to stay away from the edge of the platform. METRO

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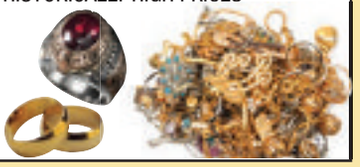

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In the news

Bus strike on for Wednesday, union says

Local 1181, the school bus drivers' union, announced yesterday afternoon that they will strike on Wednesday. Spokesman Michael Cordiello called Mayor Bloomberg "disingenuous" for his assertion that including job guarantees for current drivers in the new bids for contracts is illegal. The contracts in question are for bus routes specifically for disabled students from kindergarten through 12th grade, but all 7,700 bus routes in the citywide system will be affected. METRO

News in brief

City oversight lags as construction accidents climb

A Daily News investigation uncovered a rise in construction site injuries and a decline in worksite inspections. In the city alone, there was a 31 percent increase in site accidents from 2011 to 2012, up to 157 from 119, and a 46 percent increase in injuries, to 187 from 128. According to the News, in 2009, there were 244,000, but 141,000 in 2012. Last week, a crane collapsed, injuring seven workers in Queens. METRO

40%
Records show that the buildings department cut inspections by 40 percent.

Students fight for fired teacher

- Teacher allegedly fired for being transgender
- School's lawyer denies discrimination

Mark Krolikowski, called Mr. K by his students, had long hair, manicured nails and gold hoop earrings. He taught music, social justice and sexuality for 32 years at St. Francis Prep — until he was fired, allegedly for being transgender.

Krolikowski reportedly said the principal at the school, Brother Leonard Conway, told him that being transgender was "worse than gay."

According to reports from alumni, a student's parent complained to the principal about Krolikowski's appearance in 2011, prompting Krolikowski to change his look: no more earrings or manicures. Krolikowski was still let go, reportedly because he continued to "go his own way."

CHRISTINA GUARINO

▶ Krolikowski poses with former student Christina Guarino.

6,000 Nearly 6,000 people have signed the petition.

SFP's lawyer, Philip Semprevivo, said the school "denies the allegations completely" and that Krolikowski was fired for "appropriate and nondiscriminatory reasons." He would not expand on what those reasons were.

When Astoria resident Cristina Guarino heard that her former teacher was fired, she started a Change.org petition demanding the school formerly apologize.

Nearly 6,000 people have signed the petition.

Guarino spoke to Krolikowski about the petition and said he couldn't discuss legal matters with her, but she said he seemed overwhelmed and "still pretty upset."

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The petition

One of the signatories on the petition related how Mr. K helped her get over her fear of heights on their music trip to London.

"He was afraid as well. Because of him, I was able to go on the London Eye knowing that I wasn't alone in conquering something that scares me."
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Windows 8 fails to reignite PC market over the holidays

Holiday season shoppers shunned Windows 8 desktops and notebooks in favor of tablets and smartphones, resulting in a 4.3 percent fall in PC sales in the fourth quarter, research firm Gartner said yesterday.

"Whereas as once we imagined a world in which individual users would have both a PC and a tablet as personal devices, we increasingly suspect that most individuals will shift consumption activity to a personal tablet, and perform creative and administrative tasks on a shared PC," said Mikako Kitagawa, principal analyst at Gartner. The industry was hoping that the latest version of Microsoft's Windows would revitalize the sector. But Gartner said the new OS did not have a significant impact on PC shipments in the quarter, in part because the first Windows 8 devices lacked the excitement of the touch interface found in tablets. **REUTERS**

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▶ A challenger appears to traditional PCs

Quoted

"Tablets have dramatically changed the device landscape for PCs, not so much by 'cannibalizing' PC sales, but by causing PC users to shift consumption to tablets rather than replacing older PCs."

KITAGAWA

90.3M All PC shipments worldwide declined to 90.3 million units in 2012's last three months.

8.2% Lenova had the strongest growth of top manufacturers, with an 8.2 percent rise in shipments.

21% Dell's sales fell 21 percent and Acer's fell by 11 percent.

Security alert

US government: Post-patch Java still risky

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security reiterated advice for computer users to disable Oracle Corp.'s widely used Java software for surfing the Web, saying it still poses risks to users after the company released an emergency update over the weekend.

"Unless it is absolutely necessary to run Java in web browsers, disable it," the Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team said yesterday on its website.

The software maker released an update to Java on Sunday, just days after DHS issued its initial warning on the software. **REUTERS**

Hello, world of cyber theft

▶ Security experts say that PCs running Java in their browsers could be attacked by criminals seeking to steal credit-card numbers, banking credentials, passwords and commit other types of computer crimes.

More flix on Net

Netflix to carry more WB shows

Video streaming company Netflix Inc. signed licensing deals with Time Warner Inc. units Warner Bros. Television and Turner Broadcasting System Inc. to make available previous seasons of shows from Cartoon Network, Warner Bros. Animation and Adult Swim for U.S. subscribers.

Shows such as "Adventure Time," "Ben 10" and "Johnny Bravo" will become available on the "Just for Kids" section from March 30.

The first two seasons of Warner Horizon Television-produced TNT series "Dallas" will be exclusively available on Netflix in January 2014.

Netflix said last week that it would carry previous seasons of popular shows such as "Revolution" and "Political Animals" produced by Warner Bros. Television. **REUTERS**

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▶ Ammunition magazines

Maryland, Delaware call for tighter gun control

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. Maryland and Delaware have joined the push for a ban in the United States on assault weapons and some types of ammunition magazines.

Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden joined leaders of the mid-Atlantic state yesterday in announcing new gun measures while his father, Democratic Vice President Joe Biden, was preparing national gun control proposals. **REUTERS**

Settlers confident Israel will lurch right in election

HEBRON, WEST BANK. Entrenched in what they view as their biblical heartland, the hardline Jewish settlers of Hebron look forward with delight to next week's Israeli election.

Opinion polls forecast Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, already at odds with the world over Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank, will easily win a third term in office, with coalition partners who could push him further to the right.

The pro-settler Bayit Yehudi, a natural ally of Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party, is forecast to be the third-largest faction in parliament. Two Bayit Yehudi candidates — Hebron settlers — have a chance of winning legislative seats.

"The feeling is good," said Hebron settler Anat Cohen **REUTERS**

Obama warns on debt ceiling

President Obama yesterday rejected any negotiation with Republicans over the most pressing U.S. fiscal issue, refusing to trade cuts in government spending in exchange for raising the borrowing limit.

"If the goal is to make sure that we are being responsible about our debt and our deficit — if that's the conversation we're having, I'm happy to have that conversation," Obama said. "What I will not do is to have that negotiation with a gun at the head of the American people," he told a news conference.

Republican leaders quickly reiterated their demand that increasing the debt limit must be accompanied by spending cuts.

With an agreement to prevent the so-called fiscal cliff of sharp spending cuts and tax increases barely two weeks old, Obama faces another fiscal showdown with congressional Republicans.

A trio of deadlines looms at the end of February: the need to raise the debt ceiling, automatic deep spending cuts temporarily put off in the fiscal cliff deal and the end of a stopgap government funding measure.

The United States could default on its debt if the borrowing limit is not increased. **REUTERS**

Some GOP would allow shutdown

A number of Republicans have said they would be willing to allow a debt default or a government shutdown to force the administration to accept deeper spending cuts than the White House would like.

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▶ Obama said he would agree to talk about steps to trim the U.S. budget deficit but made clear he wants to keep that discussion separate from the debt ceiling increase.

Quoted

"Even entertaining the idea of this happening, of the United States of America not paying its bills, is irresponsible. It's absurd." OBAMA

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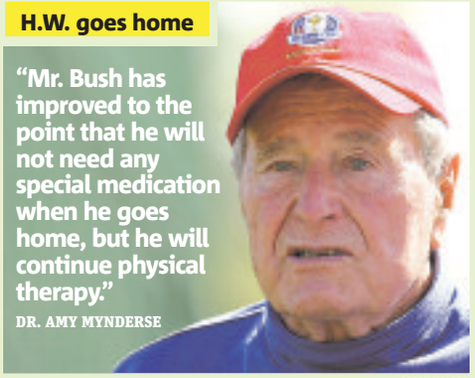

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George HW Bush out of hospital

AUSTIN, TEXAS. Former President George H.W. Bush was released from a Houston hospital yesterday, according to a statement from a family spokesman.

"Mr. Bush has improved to the point that he will not need any special medication when he goes home, but he will continue physical therapy," Dr. Amy Mynderse, the doctor in charge of Bush's care, said in a statement issued by Bush family spokesman Jim McGrath.

Bush had been at Methodist Hospital since November and was treated for bronchitis, a bacterial infection and a persistent cough. **REUTERS**

Juvenile killer

Boy, 12, convicted of neo-Nazi father's murder

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. A California boy, now 12, was convicted of second-degree murder yesterday for shooting dead his neo-Nazi father, following a juvenile trial that centered on abuse allegations and the young defendant's grasp of right and wrong.

The case in Riverside, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, has made headlines because of his neo-Nazi ties and the rarity of a parent being killed by a child so young. Joseph Hall faces a disposition hearing on Feb. 15. **REUTERS**

23 Joseph Hall could be sentenced to a juvenile facility until he is 23 years old.

Autopsy findings

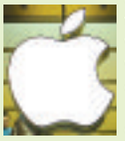
Chiefs' Belcher drunk when he shot self, girlfriend

ATLANTA. Kansas City Chiefs player Jovan Belcher was drunk when he fatally shot his girlfriend and himself last month, according to a Jackson County, Mo., Medical Examiner's autopsy report. Belcher's blood-alcohol level was .17, more than twice the legal limit, when he shot himself in the head in front of General Manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel. **BLOOMBERG**

Apple dipping

Apple at 11-month low on report of iPhone cutbacks

NEW YORK. Apple Inc. declined to the lowest price in 11 months after the Nikkei newswire reported that production of the iPhone was cut on weak demand.



Apple ordered about half of the 65 million iPhone 5 displays it originally targeted for this quarter, Nikkei said, citing an unnamed executive at a component maker. Manufacturing curbs have been widely known since December, according to Steven Milunovich and Mark Moskowitz, analysts at UBS AG and JPMorgan Chase & Co., respectively. **BLOOMBERG**

Too much suffering

Deaf Belgian twins euthanized after losing their sight

BRUSSELS. Identical Belgian twin brothers, born deaf, becoming blind and unable to bear not being able to see and hear each other, had their wish to die granted in a case testing the boundaries of legal euthanasia.

Doctors gave the 45-year-old twins lethal injections after they had had a cup of coffee together and said goodbye to each other, a spokesman at the UZ Brussel hospital said yesterday. **REUTERS**

"It is that they could no longer bear being unable to hear or see the other."
A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN

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– Dorothy Robinson will return on Jan. 21.

Getting to the bottom of Jodie Foster's Golden Globes speech

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▶ Jodie Foster delivered one of the strangest Golden Globes speeches of all time.

Jodie Foster, who received the Cecil B. Demille Award for her 47-year-long career in Hollywood, offered an acceptance speech that left audiences and critics baffled, outraged and inspired in equal measure. Foster addressed her sexuality more openly than she ever has — without actually saying she's a lesbian — while also taking the press to task for continuing to bring up the issue. "I already did my coming out about a thousand years ago in the Stone Age," Foster said. "If you had been a public figure from the time that you were a toddler, you might value privacy."

So what did the 6.5-minute ramble actually mean? We set out to decode it:

"I guess I have a sudden urge to say something that I've never really been able to air in public. So, a declaration that I'm a little nervous about but maybe not quite as nervous as my publicist right now, huh Jennifer? But I'm just going to put it out there, right? Loud and proud, right? So I'm going to need your support on this. I am single. Yes I am, I am single. No, I'm kidding, but I'm not really kidding."

TRANSLATION: I recognize your hunger for a big confessional moment from me, and for that I am going to mess with you.

"Now I'm told, apparently that every celebrity is expected to honor the details of their private life with a press conference, a fragrance and a prime-time reality show. You know, you guys might be surprised, but I am not Honey Boo Boo Child. No, I'm sorry, that's just not me. It never was and it never will be."

TRANSLATION: I am going to equate being upfront about your sexuality with the more tasteless and tacky aspects of reality TV culture, no matter how damaging it may be for young gays and lesbians to see a successful public figure refuse to say the word "lesbian."

"There is no way I could ever stand here without acknowledging one of the deepest loves of my life, my heroic co-parent, my ex-partner in love but righteous soul sister in life, my confessor, ski buddy, consigliere, most beloved BFF of 20 years, Cydney Bernard. Thank you, Cyd. I am so proud of our modern family."

TRANSLATION: I was in a long-term relationship with a woman, and we have two children together. This is not necessarily news, but it's the first time I've acknowledged her in front of television cameras.

"This feels like the end of one era and the beginning of something else. Scary and exciting and now what? Well, I may never be up on this stage again, on any stage for that matter."

TRANSLATION: It's difficult not to feel you're in some moment of transition when an organization gives you a lifetime achievement award, even if you're only 50 years old.

In summation: Jodie Foster doesn't need to come out of the closet because she already is out of the closet even if she never officially came out of the closet. And she's not retiring from Hollywood, despite how the end of her speech was initially interpreted. "I could never stop acting," Foster told reporters backstage. "You'd have to drag me behind a team of horses. I'd like to be directing tomorrow."

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

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Ben Affleck is a moronic large sweaty headed blowhard.

@EmmaBunton
Wow its snowing where I am, coming down thick and fast!!

@OfficialAdele
I just met Daniel f---ing Day Lewis!!!

@MatthewPerry
This turning down the role of Lincoln is just going to keep kicking my ass isn't it?!?

@danieltosh
you will be the same sad version of yourself this year too.

Adele

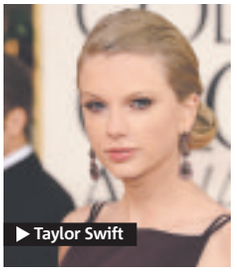
Talking points

Moore moving on

Demi Moore's fledgling romance with 31-year-old restaurateur **Harry Morton** is reportedly heating up, according to E! News. "They have been trying to keep it a secret," a source says. "It's not a serious thing, but it may develop into something. They have a lot of fun together and have been meeting in secret places in New York and Los Angeles." The pair were recently spotted dining out in Beverly Hills and have reportedly spent several nights together at Moore's home. Morton famously dated Lindsay Lohan in 2006 and also has been linked to **Jennifer Aniston**.

Jennifer Lawrence back on the market

Jennifer Lawrence is now a Golden Globe-winning actress, but she'll be celebrating solo, as Lawrence and "X-Men: First Class" co-star **Nicholas Hoult** have reportedly called it quits, according to Us Weekly. The young stars met on the set of the superhero film and dated for two years. The split comes as a surprise, as Lawrence was singing Hoult's praises recently to Elle magazine. "He is honestly my best friend, and hopefully I'm his best friend, too," she told the magazine. "He's my favorite person to be around and he makes me laugh harder than anybody."



▶ Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift seeking musical revenge?

Consider this fair warning, **Harry Styles**. In the wake of her split from the One Direction member, **Taylor Swift** posted this ominous message to her Twitter account: "Back in the studio. Uh oh..." Swift has made a career of penning autobiographical tunes of heartbreak, often embarrassing exboyfriends like **John Mayer** and **Jake Gyllenhaal**. A Styles number may be a doozy, as Swift was reportedly left heartbroken by the Brit, who dumped her during a Caribbean vacation because he said she's "asexual and wouldn't put out," a source tells Radar Online.

Best of the Golden Globes after-parties

1: What we really want is "Girls": **Zosia Mamet**, **Lena Dunham** and **Allison Williams** celebrated their win at HBO's after-party.

2: Lucy Liu and her gigantic dress snuggled up to **Thandie Newton** at the Warner Bros. post-party.

3: Department of Aw!: **Ben Affleck** celebrated his big "Argo" wins with brother **Casey** at the Warner Bros. party.

4: Also at the HBO after-party: **Jon Hamm** and his equally pretty date, **Jennifer Westfeldt**.

5: Holy bombshell: **Jennifer Lopez** hit the red carpet at the Weinstein Company's after-party.

6: Daniel Craig and **Rachel Weisz** also hit up the Weinstein party.

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HOW AND WHAT WE'LL READ IN 2013

Trends in book publishing from Jason Boog, editor of the publishing industry blog GalleyCat High hopes for amateur writers in 2013

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

As the editor of GalleyCat, the go-to online source for all book news, Jason Boog lives and breathes the publishing industry. He shared what and how you'll be reading in 2013 (besides your daily Metro, of course).

The self-publishing revolution/evolution continues: "There's still this revolution away from mainstream publishers — but because self-publishing is so popular, it's evolving," says Boog, noting that with so many people entering the self-publishing marketplace at once, it's difficult to get discovered. "Writers have to be very careful," he cautions. "It's even easier to drop into obscurity and not be heard from again." Because writers need help standing out, a new industry is cropping up to market them. "We see a lot of people selling services, 'How to market your book' and things like that. You can see companies charging anywhere from $2,000 to $25,000 for marketing packages. ... You have to be careful and make sure you stay within your budget."

A new genre emerges: GalleyCat started compiling self-publishing best-seller lists. The genres that always top their lists? Romance and erotica. But Boog says that thrillers and a new genre called New Adult are the industry's hot upstarts. "New Adult books are positioned in-between adult fiction readers and Young Adult readers," he says. "New Adult tells the stories of people who are entering adulthood, who have just left their teenage years and are still struggling to become adults. This is going to become very popular."

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▶ There's a brand new literary world out there in 2013.

More consolidation: "In 2012, we saw Penguin and Random House merge; as long as that passes regulatory muster, we're going to see major, earthshaking changes in 2013," says Boog. "We're going to see a leaner, more compact publishing industry." Boog says digital books are the major player behind this shift. "With e-books, you just don't make the same profit that you would on a hardcover book. Publishers are facing a lot of challenges right now with pricing and making a profit."

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Big publishing houses are working with small-time writers

"Publishers are seeing what's going on with self-published writers," Boog notes. "They're tapping into this new class of amateur writers who are really churning out a lot of material right now." Boog points to the "Fifty Shades of Grey" phenomenon. "E.L. James was a very successful self-published writer; she sold hundreds of thousands of copies on her own. But when she had the additional platform from her mainstream publisher, it helped her amplify her reach to that insane level."

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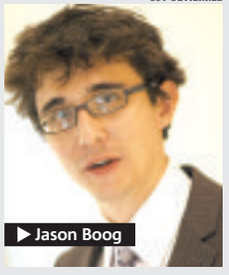

▶ Jason Boog

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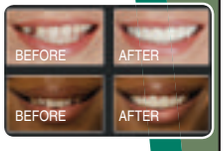

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Good fortune for the 'Trouble Man'

T.I. returns to the entertainment industry, bringing artists together 'It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and not acknowledge that there is a process of rebuilding'

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T.I. says he is looking to put together a tour that pairs the new generation with the OGs.

While his run-ins with the law have been tabloid fodder over the past few years, hip-hop star T.I. is staying focused on diversifying his work. The Atlanta rapper has produced his VH1 reality show "Family Hustle," written two books — "Power & Beauty" and its sequel "Trouble & Triumph" — and used his label, Grand Hustle, to introduce the world to his protege, B.o.B. Now he's adding the success of his latest album, "Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head."

Is he worried that fans of his hard-edged hip-hop will be turned off by how much he has broadened his horizons?

"It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and not acknowledge that there is a rebuilding process," he says. "I'm not the same guy, but I am cut from the same cloth. My morals, my standards are still the same. My actions and my locations might be a tad bit different, but my mind-set and my heart [are] still the same."

Quoted

"My actions and my locations might be a tad bit different, but my mind-set and my heart [are] still the same." T.I.

The Atlanta-born rapper returned to the charts last month when his eighth album hit No. 2 on Billboard, moving 179,000 units in the first week.

"The response exceeded my expectations. I'm ecstatic that the subject matter and body of work really connected with the audience," he says. "That's an unmatched feeling for an artist."

The next challenge for T.I. is bringing together the stars of his hometown.

"As of right now I'm cultivating the relationships that will allow us to work together in that capacity," he says. "I'm making an attempt at putting together a domestic package that would allow us to go on tour: one that will consist of myself, Trinidad James and I've spoken to Jeezy (and others). I think the new generation, the veterans and the OGs [Original Gangsters] putting together a package will really show the nation what this town has to offer."

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Elvis Duran's pop picks for 2013

We asked the host of 'Elvis Duran and the Morning Show' for the scoop on which artists will rule the charts this year His answers may surprise you!

Emerging artists

Mumford & Sons
"A lot of people in the indie and hipster crowds won't be happy to know that the masses are appreciating Mumford & Sons. But you know what? This year I do see them crossing over to pop, and it'll be an easy transition for them. And word is that it's something they're actually looking forward to. I guarantee you they'll be roaming the halls of Z100 in 2013."

Ed Sheeran
"Ed Sheeran absolutely is

a huge artist. I think he has that look that's so pup-py-dog. It's good to see someone winning because of the merit of their music and not necessarily their flash."

Established artists

Bruno Mars
"'Unorthodox Jukebox' really catapulted him into a whole different level. 'Locked Out of Heaven' is the first release from that, and when you hear a song like that from an artist, it makes you go, 'Oh my gosh, they are evolving and they have that different sound! [But] at the same time they still maintain the signature sound that made us know and love them in the beginning.'"

Justin Timberlake(!)
"He's gonna have a whole new audience — he's been away for that long."

Justin Bieber
"The thing about Bieber is he continues to put out music that shows how he's evolving. He is still coming into his own as a performer and it may be difficult for some to take him seriously because of his youthful start ... but he's becoming an older guy, and he's really doing a great job. His voice sounds awesome, he's very soulful, and he's easy to work with and collaborate with, we hear, so I really think 2013's still gonna be another year for him. ... An acoustic album is on the way. He knows how people ... pay attention when he performs acoustically and so I think he wants that to be his next message."

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▶ Duran predicts another big year for Bruno Mars.

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NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Ne-Yo
"He's been around for a few years and people forget that, but ... he's always freshening up his sound. People, I think especially after a really weird last quarter of 2012, are looking for positivity and fun, and Ne-Yo is always careful to make sure everyone feels loved when he's around them. He's definitely pushing the right buttons to make sure people listen to his music."

Ne-Yo

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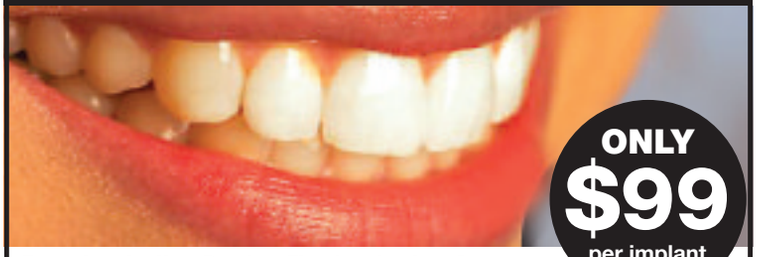

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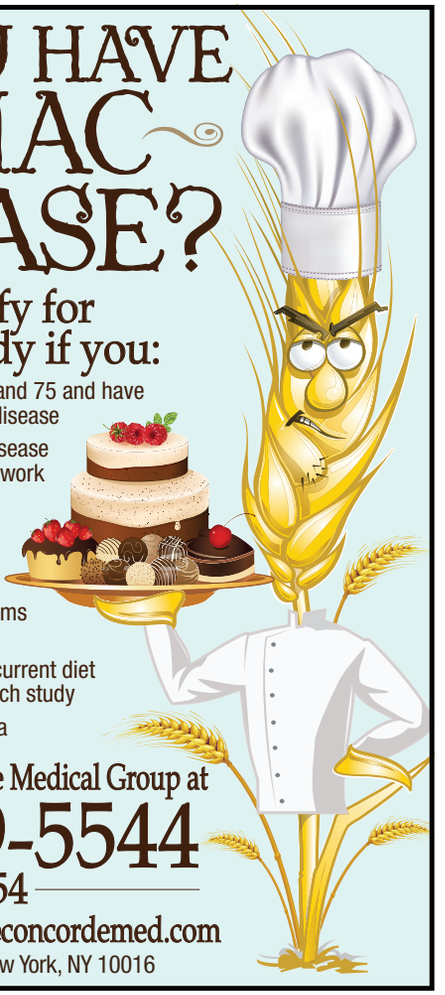

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‘Manifestra’ destiny

- Singer/songwriter Erin McKeown is all about serving the song on her new album
- If a song tells her to wake up at 6 a.m., then that’s exactly what she will do

When it came to making her seventh studio album, “Manifestra,” Erin McKeown had the whole thing written in five days. Also serving as producer, the singer/songwriter’s record was finished two weeks later and will be released via her own label, TVP Records, later this month.

“That couldn’t have happened if I had been waiting around for ... money to be OKed,” says the Virginia native, who used PledgeMusic to fan-fund the project.

Putting out music on a label other than her own just doesn’t suit her now.

“Being on a label and dealing with that is more distance from my thoughts to the song and that does not serve the song,” she says. “Flexibility is another tick in the pro column for having your own label. Going alone, you can change direction at any time.”

She doesn’t mean completely alone. Two songs were co-written remotely: “Baghdad to the Bayou” came into being via text message with her pal, TV presenter Rachel Maddow; “Manifestra” came from some intrinsic force.

“The title track is really important,” insists McKeown. “How I write is like hearing music two rooms away; I bring it into focus. I was literally woken up at 6 a.m. with the first four lines of ‘Manifestra’ in my head. No editing, it’s the song as it came out. I’m a great believer in internal change and external action, cellular level change that compels you to do something. That’s where the song came from, a cellular level.”

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▶ Erin McKeown says she is a great believer in internal change and external action.

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TV watch list

‘Pioneers of Television’

DOCUMENTARY. The funny ladies of TV get a proper shout-out. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., PBS**

‘The Real Husbands of Hollywood’

COMEDY. This partially improvised send-up of the “Real Housewives” franchise features Nick Cannon, Kevin Hart and more as fabulous married men behaving badly in L.A. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., BET**

‘Second Generation Wayans’

COMEDY. Damien Dante Wayans and Craig Wayans attempt to step out of the shadow of their famous uncles in this scripted comedy. **Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., BET** ● **AMBER RAY**

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Bowie breaks long silence on the charts

On Sunday, David Bowie notched up his first Top 10 single in two decades with his surprise new release. In his home country of England, the song is No. 1 on the iTunes chart, but according to Billboard.com, the single does not make the Official Charts Company list because its sale is linked to preorders for the British star's upcoming full-length album.

Bowie released his first new song in nearly a decade last week in a surprise launch coinciding with his 66th birthday.

"Where Are We Now?" was produced by long-term collaborator Tony Visconti. The song is a melancholic look back to the time Bowie spent in Berlin in the 1970s with an accompanying video featuring black-and-white footage of the city when it was still divided.

The song, available on iTunes and free to view on his relaunched website, was recorded in New York and will be followed by Bowie's first studio album since 2003, "The Next Day," due out in Australia on March 8 and the United States on March 12.

Bowie, in this recent publicity pic, looks pretty good for a guy in his 60s, to say nothing of the lifestyle he has led.

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"Avoiding the industry treadmill is very David Bowie."
COLUMBIA RECORDS IN A STATEMENT

Fans welcomed the return of one of pop music's most gifted and enigmatic figures, and the hashtags #Bowie and #DavidBowie were trending on Twitter following the announcement.

Early reaction from the public was mixed, but critics were largely impressed.

"Plenty of veteran musicians are masters of the cunning trick of staying away just long enough for every comeback to be hailed as a return to form, regardless of its true quality," wrote David Smyth of London's Evening Standard.

Bowie's label Columbia Records said the new song was a "treasure" that appeared "as if out of nowhere," underlining the element of surprise.

"Throwing shadows and avoiding the industry treadmill is very David Bowie, despite his extraordinary track record that includes album sales in excess of 130 million — not to mention his massive contributions in the area of art, fashion, style, sexual exploration and social commentary," the label said. **REUTERS**

In the news

Timberlake also returns from musical hiatus

Pop star Justin Timberlake unveiled on Sunday his first single in more than five years, "Suit & Tie," featuring rapper Jay-Z and producer Timbaland, and said a new album would be released later in 2013.

The singer, 31 and newly married to actress Jessica Biel, had teased his fans last week with a cryptic tweet saying, "I think I am ready" and linking to a video showing him walk into a studio.

Timberlake, a six-time Grammy winner and former member of boy band N'Sync, took a break from music after his 2006 album "Futuresex/Lovesounds" and worked as an actor in movies such as "The Social Network."

He said in an open letter on his website that the new album is titled "The 20/20 Experience" but gave no further details. **REUTERS**

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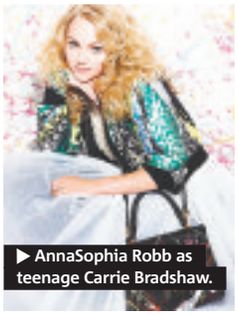
Before Big: Costume designer Eric Daman discusses Carrie 1.0

Eric Daman worked with Pat Field to dress Carrie Bradshaw for "Sex and the City." Now, the costume designer's dressing her again — albeit a teenage, 1980s version, in the prequel "The Carrie Diaries." He talks about how he created the wardrobe for her youthful years in "The Carrie Diaries."

▶ Daman


▶ AnnaSophia Robb as teenage Carrie Bradshaw.

The wardrobe was such an important part of "Sex and the City," it was practically its own character. How much pressure did you feel sourcing the young Carrie's closet for the new show?
I was quite stressed out by the thought of having to take on such an overwhelming task. But I was elated to be able to breathe new life into such an amazing fashion icon. The best part of it is being able to relive my coming-of-age '80s angst, from when I was a teen in the Midwest dreaming of a life in New York City.

You've worked with both Carries: How do they differ in their approach to fashion choices?
The approaches are very different. We have to remember that this Carrie is a teenager who goes to public school. She will stay true to her idiosyncratic style, not giving in to predetermined trends but making her own. So in that sense, there's a similarity.

What designers would Carrie be wearing in 2013?
Couture mixed with American daywear. She'd be wearing some Georges Chakra, Jenny Packham, Phillip Lim, Alexander Wang and Rag & Bone. And of course, some vintage Bill Blass, Balmain, Geoffrey Beene and Andre Courreges.

Carrie was known for that nameplate necklace and her Manolos. What are some of the key accessories and clothing items you're using on this show?
A personalized "Carrie" bag from Mark Cross, a "C" pendant from Alex Woo and a black, polka-dot party dress (an original vintage Scasi from the '80s) that she wears for her first night out in NYC.

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The new series is set in Carrie's pre-Manolo days, but we couldn't help but wonder what Carrie would be wearing now. We asked Daman to create an image of her closet — circa 2013.

Romina McGuinness
METRO WORLD NEWS

myparenting

Top resolutions for every mom and dad

We ask two parenting experts, authors Stacy DeBroff and Gregory W. Slayton — to offer up their tips for the new year

For moms

From Stacy DeBroff, founder and CEO of Mom Central, Inc., and author of "The Mom Book"

Make time to replenish your energy: Between post-holiday exhaustion, the winter blues and the normal frenetic pace of parenting, moms often find their energy depleted at the start of a new year. Make 2013 the year you carve out time to take care of yourself, and resolve to keep it up as the year progresses.

Set tech rules: Kids spend hours each day online and text at every opportunity. This year, set guidelines. Establish parameters on when they can and can't go online, keep computers only in public spaces and make sure kids share social media passwords with mom and dad.

Stay true to yourself: Even if you learn that other moms buy laptops for kids once they start fifth grade or let them stay home alone, stand tall within yourself and parent according to what you believe.

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For dads

From the Honorable Gregory W. Slayton, parent expert, former U.S. ambassador and author of "Be A Better Dad Today: Ten Tools Every Father Needs"

▶ The Honorable Gregory W. Slayton

Commit to have dinner at least twice a week: Statistically, it's proven to be very important. Even if you're a divorced or single dad, you need to make sure you sit down and really have dinner with your children. Don't look at your phone, don't read the paper. Talk. And do it twice a week.

Do something fun with your family at least once a week: In addition to dinner ... do something else. Go to a park, go fishing, go to a museum or go on a bike ride. Doing fun things with your kids is important and contributes to their well-being and sense of self-esteem.

Learn more about fatherhood: Fatherhood is one of the least understood roles we have as men today. There are thousands of books about being a better businessman and self-help books by the gazillion. But when it comes to fatherhood, the most important role as any, there are very few books out there. That's why I wrote mine; I didn't have a father when I was growing up and didn't have any guidance. Commit to learning more about fatherhood and improving your growth as a parent, because ultimately there is no job more fun or more important.

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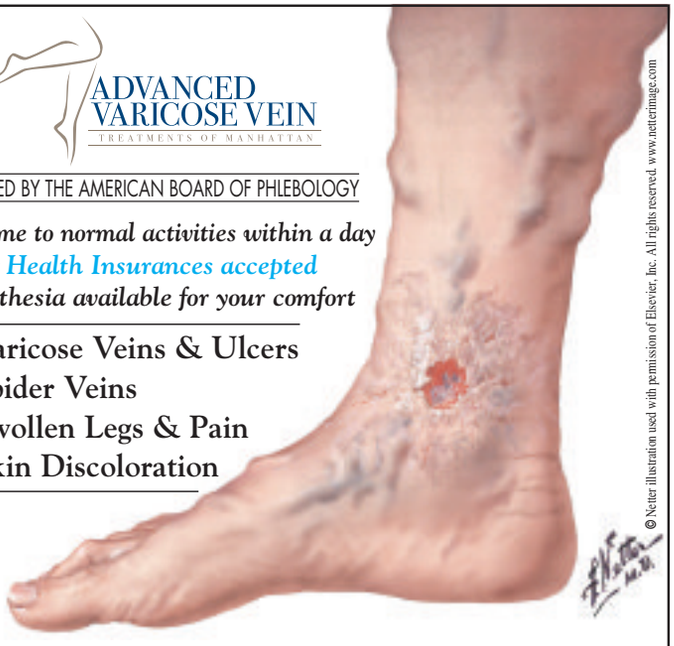

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You seem to be better equipped to handle mental assignments than to do anything physical. Take care of the brainwork, and let others do the heavy lifting.

〰 Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although you'll have good earning abilities, conversely you could also have strong urges to spend. Don't allow the latter to run the show and put you in debt.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You could be far more fortunate than usual working on endeavors or enterprises that you personally initiate and/or manage. If there is something you're anxious to get rolling, don't wait on others.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Developments taking place behind the scenes of which you'll be unaware are likely to have a constructive effect upon your material well-being. Soon all will become clear to you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You'll get a desired opportunity to strengthen a troubling relationship that has meant a lot to you. Make the most of it; good friends can be hard to come by.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Once your ambitions are aroused, there's no stopping you, as events are likely to prove. In fact, you're capable of accomplishing what even you thought to be impossible.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you're a keen observer and a good student, you're likely to learn something through a personal experience that you'll be able to put to excellent use down the line.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be alert for an unusual opportunity to participate in something exciting that's originated by another. Getting involved will not only be stimulating, but will prove to be very rewarding as well.

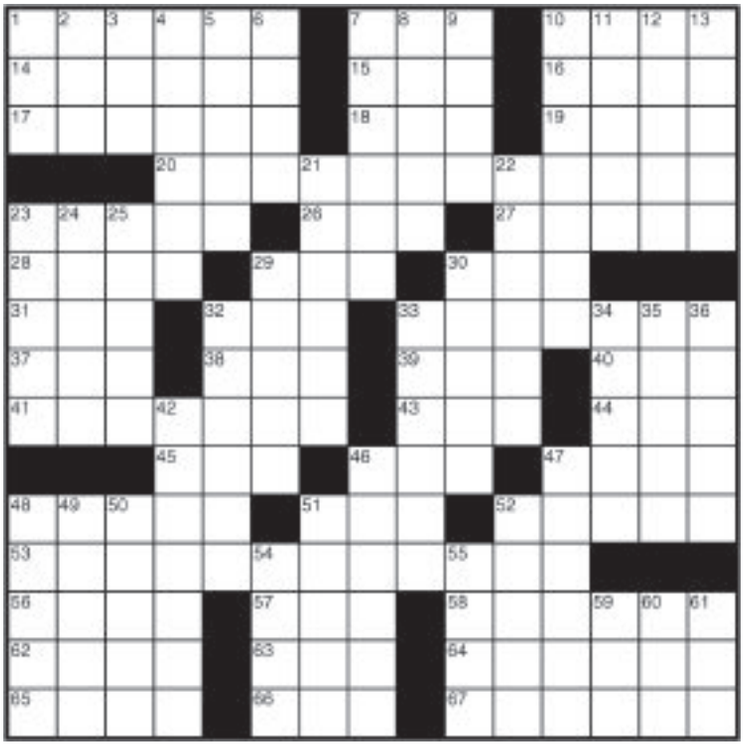
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** In an endeavor that mutually affects you and your special someone, don't make a move without discussing it with your partner, who might have some good ideas on how to handle it.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Regardless of what is asked of you, perform to the best of your abilities. Getting things right and doing them well will provide you with enormous gratification.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even if you have difficulties in managing certain jobs assigned to you, do the very best work that you can. You'll be better able to cope with things knowing that you tried your best.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It doesn't matter how busy you are or how many projects you start, what really counts is how much you complete. If you're smart, you'll be mindful of your limitations. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Solution to yesterday's crossword



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48 Lifter at NASA
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52 — nous
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57 Insect killer
58 Shed
62 Come down hard
63 Right, to a mule
64 Satisfy
65 Vulcan's forge
66 Do the wrong thing
67 Parlor piece

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4 Far afield
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29 Good, to Pedro
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36 Words to the audience
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47 Harem jewelry
48 Blazing
49 Crow over
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51 More peculiar
52 Mademoiselle's school
54 Sidle past
55 Refs
59 Make doilies
60 Compass pt.
61 Billy — Williams

Letters

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it create more jobs

All of these letter writers who parrot "supply-side" and "job creator" economics, which only help the rich get richer, are subscribing to a century-old failed idea.

I recall being at a lecture in the 1980s where noted economist and thinker John Kenneth Galbraith said that "trickle-down economics" (first articulated in the 1890s) was, at best, like a few sparrows benefitting from the occasional oat falling from the horse's feedbag.

After the talk, he was less dainty and said it is more like "a few oats that pass through the horse."

F. MICHAEL ANGELO, VIA E-MAIL

Forget about your rights — let's make society safer

America is currently not in a civil war. These so-called "assault rifles" should be sold only to the military organizations and/or police forces who battle thugs and hardened criminals.

Civilians should not be allowed to buy these kind of assault weapons or any high-caliber weapons because they are not facing terrorists.

They are not engaged in war! Period! Why can't soft-hearted politicians and greedy traders agree on that?

Forget about rights and constitutional amendments! Just deal with the issue of banning high-caliber weapon sales to civilians who have no business owning such!

DAN VENZON, VIA E-MAIL

Quoted

"In tight economic times, I am more likely to buy another Picasso etching and Ming vase than invest in an iffy United States factory. Now that's supply-side patriotism!"
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WHERE TO TRAVEL 2013

Lonely Planet's US travel editor Robert Reid is all over the map with emerging and up-and-coming destinations Plus, a fresh look at perennial favorites that are prime for visiting this year

▶ The Northern Lights are one of Lonely Planet's picks for where to go in 2013.

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NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Fairbanks, Ala.

"If you haven't seen the Northern Lights, get to Fairbanks this year," Reid commands. "2013 marks the end of a fiery-year cycle, when sunspots are particularly bright, making for a big sky show for locals and visitors during 240 nights next year," he says. "You won't be able to see them like this again for a long, long time."

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Eastern Sierras, Calif.

Road-trip time! Reid points to this "most underrated scenic drive" as a must in 2013. "If you keep going past Yosemite, on the scenic U.S. Route 395 you'll hit all of these bizarre little tourist destinations, from abandoned gold rush towns to Mono Lake, which looks like something out of a dinosaur movie." Other attractions include Devils Postpile National monument and hot springs. "You're not going to find these things elsewhere, so if you want to get away ... this is where to go."

Louisville, Ky.

Reid says Louisville is "No. 1 with an exclamation point" for a "must" in 2013. "They are really reinventing themselves," he notes. "It's almost the new Portland." High praise, right? Reid says must-hits are their Bourbon Trail and New Louisville, which features converted warehouses used as local breweries, antique shops and the city's coolest restaurants. The first weekend in May, the Kentucky Derby has everyone raising a mint julep. "Go for an extended weekend," advises Reid. "You'll be surprised by what you'll find."

Ecuador

This the Lonely Planet's top country in all of the Americas this year, says Reid. "People just think of the Galapagos when they think of Ecuador, but the country is really growing as an attraction." Visitors can see the Andes, the Amazon and the Pacific Ocean beaches in a compact area. There's a new airport opening in their "underrated" capital and a train to the beaches. "Plus it's surrounded by volcanoes. You can go to these volcanic national parks and ride horses. I can't even describe how beautiful it is."

And don't miss

Slovenia

"A less expensive way to experience Europe is through Slovenia," says Reid. "A lot of people go to Venice, but three hours from Venice is Slovenia, which is a great destination in its own right. There's great hiking, Venetian Gothic towns with fresh seafood and mansions converted into hostels with nice people and beautiful mountains." Reid says it's not dirt cheap, but if "you're looking for a little bit of Europe without a lot of cash, you should tack on Slovenia to your European vacation," he says. "It very well may be the next big thing."

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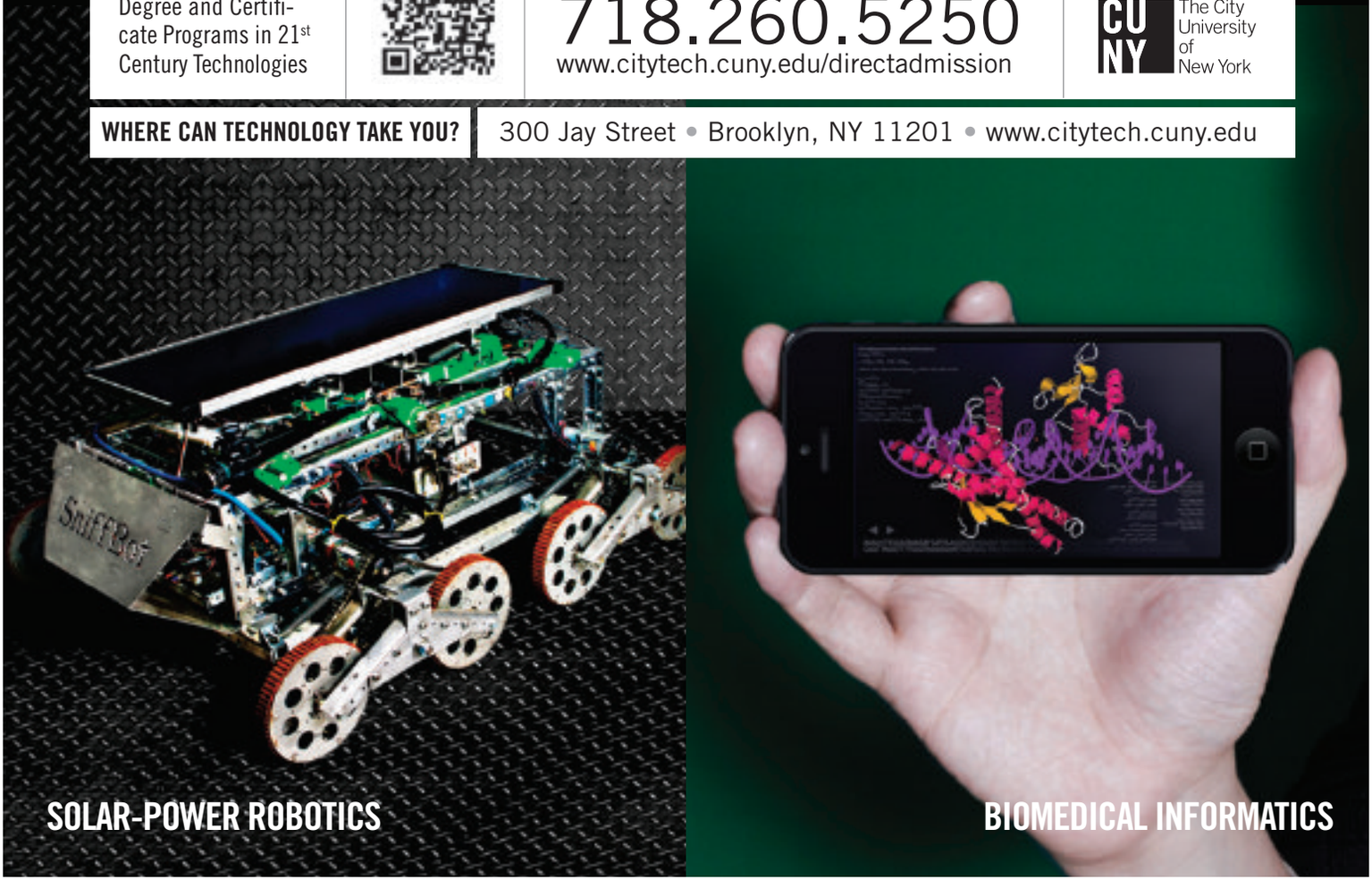

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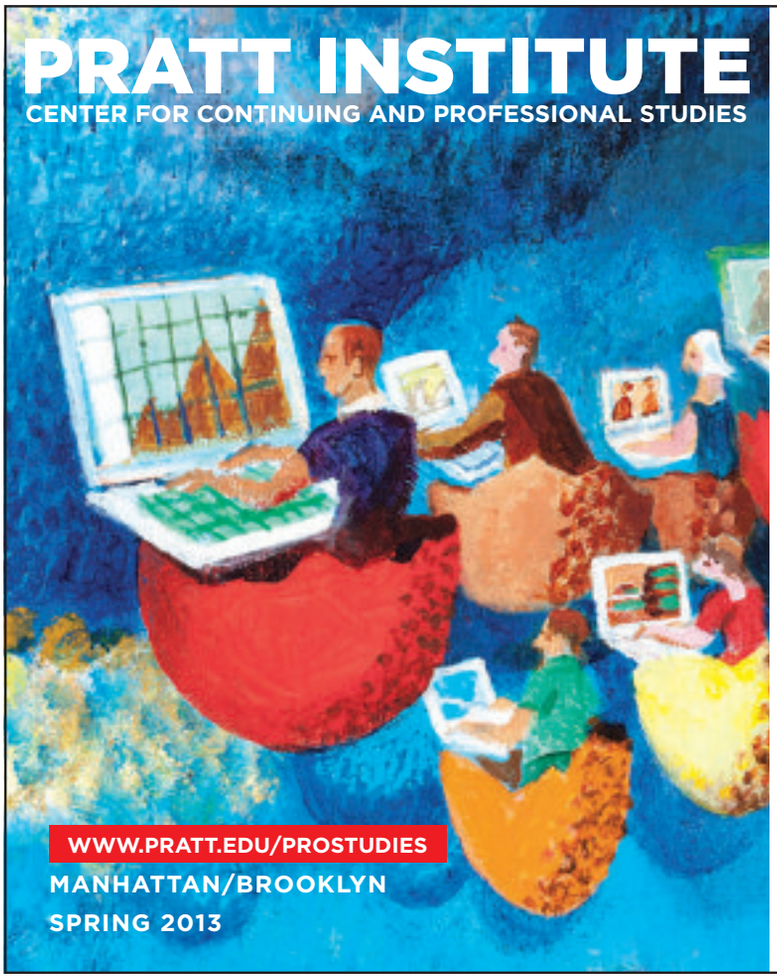

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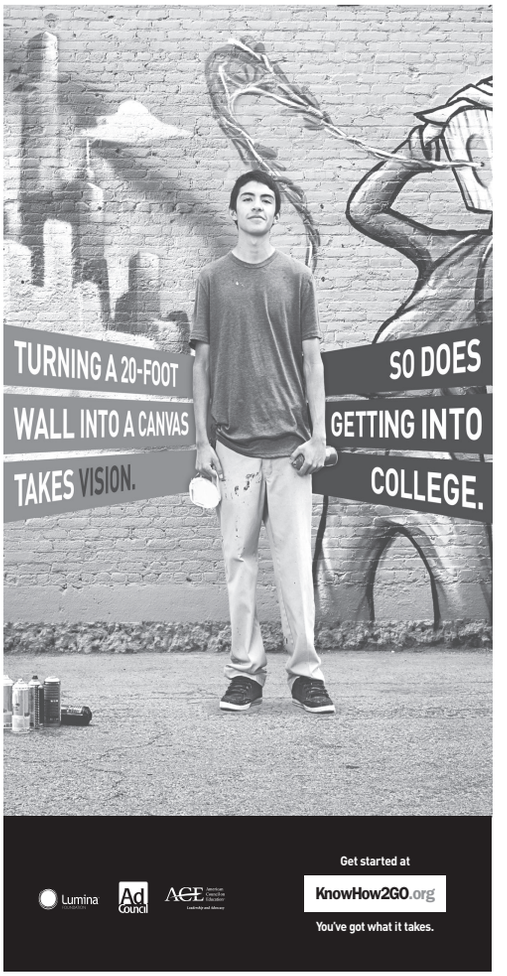

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LONELY ISLAND

Isles haven't been over .500 in five seasons ▶ But a pair of top prospects has team looking ahead ▶ Tavares needs some help

It is not a secret the Islanders have spent the last few years stockpiling prospects. The organization believes the young talent will soon form the nucleus of a strong franchise.

Two of those prospects, center Ryan Strome and defenseman Griffin Reinhart, were invited to training camp, and both could find themselves on the Opening Night roster.

The Islanders selected Strome fifth overall from the OHL's Niagara IceDogs in June 2011, while Reinhart was the fourth pick in last June's draft.

Neither player can come soon enough for a team that hasn't advanced past the first round of the playoffs since 1993.

Strome ranks fourth in scoring in the OHL. He has recorded 22 goals and 40 assists in 32 games. Griffin has totaled 14 points with Edmonton of the WHL.

"We're talking about two elite junior players making the jump [to the NHL]," head coach Jack Capuano said. "They're here, they're learning. [It's a] good [opportunity for the] coaching staff to evaluate them."

Both Strome and Reinhart were on the Canadian World Junior Hockey Championship team that finished fourth.

"It's huge [playing in the World Juniors]," said John Tavares, the Isles' young star. "[It's the] highest caliber of hockey [outside of professional leagues]. [It's] top-quality talent. My experience [was] they help you mature."

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▶ Ryan Strome, the Islanders' top pick in 2011, has been a star in the OHL this season.

Breaking down the Islanders

The Islanders have mastered finishing seasons strong. It's the starts that are problematic — something even more critical in this shortened season.

▶ Goaltending
The Isles know they have a legitimate No. 1. Evgeni Nabokov won the starting job midway through last season and provided stability (19-18-3, 2.55 GAA, .914 save percentage, two shutouts) in goal.

▶ Defense
Mark Streit is one of the most underrated offensive defensemen in the game. Burgeoning pair Travis Hamonic and Andrew MacDonald should be franchise cornerstones, and new signee Matt Carkner provides frontier justice.

▶ Offense
John Tavares broke into the league's top 10 scorers last season, while Matt Moulson scored 30 goals for the third straight season. Ryan Strome, 19, is one to watch. METRO/DG

In the news

Mets looking at the Beard?

The Mets have reportedly shown interest in signing former Giants closer Brian Wilson.

Wilson, known as much for his beard and wild antics as his pitching prowess, had Tommy John surgery last April. He recently worked out for GM Sandy Alderson.

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THU. 7	AT NY RANGERS	7 P.M.
SAT. 9	BUFFALO	7 P.M.
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Knicks take time off to recharge their batteries

The Knicks have a few days off to recharge their weakening batteries before heading to London for their matchup with the Pistons on Thursday.

And at the core of their preparation is trying to figure out how to not play down to inferior teams.

Swingman J.R. Smith, who has rarely been known as the voice of reason throughout his sometimes tumultuous career, said just because they knocked off New Orleans in Sunday's matinee, doesn't necessarily mean the Knick s have gotten back on track.

"We're starting to see progression, yeah, but we were also playing against a team that's not going to be in the playoffs," Smith said. "We're better than that [playing tight games against lesser opponents], so we should expect to play better than that."

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▶ Carmelo Anthony and the Knicks will travel across the pond to face the Pistons in London on Thursday.

Smith knows the rebuilding Pistons (14-24) are up next, and while he doesn't mean any disrespect toward the struggling franchise, he said he thinks the Knicks need to recognize the huge overall talent gap and come out strong on Thursday.

"We talk about being a championship-caliber team, so games like [Sunday and Thursday] shouldn't be close," Smith said.

The biggest problem for the Knicks right now has nothing to do with age or injuries, but rather how slow the team has started games recently — specifically against lesser teams.

The Knicks have been outscored in 10 of the past 11 games in the first quarter — including Sunday's tilt — and five of those games occurred on their home floor.

"We'll need to get off to a great start, just for own sake," said Carmelo Anthony. "We need to get out there, get our confidence back, get off to a fast start and win some basketball games in a row. … There's no better time for this than right now."

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Cameron latest to interview for Jets OC position

The Jets' seemingly never-ending quest to find an offensive coordinator continues on.

The team reportedly interviewed former Dolphins head coach and recently fired Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron yesterday.

Cameron was replaced as head coach of the Dolphins by Tony Sparano, who the Jets hired last season as offensive coordinator and who they fired after a 6-10 season.

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▶ Cameron

Cameron was fired by the Ravens in midseason, despite a 9-4 record. The Ravens promoted Jim Caldwell to the position and they are now in the AFC Championship game.

Other names on the Jets' interview list this week include Pep Hamilton, the offensive coordinator at Stanford, Hue Jackson, the former Raiders head coach and current Bengals secondary coach. METRO

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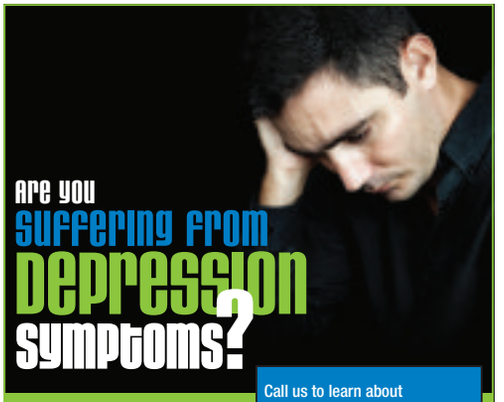

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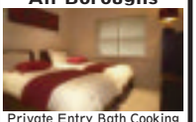
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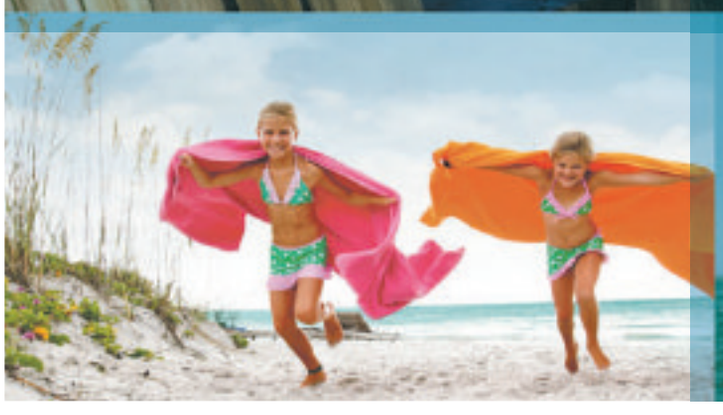

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